

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 14, 1984

GEORGE N. GRAY
CHAIRMAN

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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Chairman George N. Gray, presiding:

Members present:

Dr. Jack Cappel
Mr. Lyle Crain
Mr. James Farrelly
Mr. Joe Palmisano, Jr.
Mr. Mark Roberts

The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by Chairman George Gray, on Wednesday, November 14, 1984 at 10:00 AM at the Quail Drive office in Baton Rouge.

A roll call was taken.

A motion was made by Mr. Palmisano, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of October 9, 1984.

Mr. Angelle introduced Mrs. Virginia Van Sickle, the newly appointed Deputy Secretary. He also announced that Johnnie Tarver has been named Chief of the Fur and Refuge Division.

Ray Montet gave the monthly enforcement report for the month of September at Monday's meeting.

Harry Schafer presented the Survey Section Report for the period of October 1-November 1, 1984. During that time field activity consisted of 155 surveys scheduled, 94 of which were surveyed. Fifty-three (53) applications were unable to be surveyed due to bad weather or low tide. Seven (7) applicants failed to appear for survey. One application was cancelled by request.

Harry Schafer presented a resolution to the Commission to retain the three inch size oyster after January 1. A motion was made by Mr. Farrelly, seconded by Dr. Cappel, to accept the resolution.

(The full text of the resolution
here is made a part of the record)

WHEREAS, the 1984-85 oyster season on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds was predictability low and has been a low production year;

WHEREAS, there is a need to conserve the remaining oyster seed supply for the 1985-86 season;

WHEREAS, RS 56:433, Paragraph F would remove the size limitation for the remaining portion of the oyster season on the Public Oyster Seed Grounds; and

WHEREAS, RS 56:433 Paragraph E authorizes the Department through the Commission to close and set harvesting size limitation on the Public Oyster Seed grounds under its managerial control;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission reinstates the three inch size limit on the commercial harvesting of oyster from January 1, 1985 on the "Public Oyster Seed Grounds" until the end of the oyster season; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this information will be filed in the office of the Secretary and published in the newspapers as prescribed by RS 56:433 E; and

BE IT LASTLY RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopts this under the emergency action provision of the Public Information Act.

In the general discussion of offshore closure for the shrimp season Phil Bowman explained Acts 300 and 692 of the 1984 Legislature. Don Puckett gave a legal opinion and it will be further discussed at the December meeting.

Joe Herring discussed House Concurrent Resolution 170 pertaining to the Use of ATV's on wildlife management areas. He wanted the Commission to be aware of the resolution and the problems that may occur from it.

The date of the December meeting was changed from Monday, the 3rd and Tuesday, the 4th, to Tuesday, the 4th and Wednesday, the 5th.

The date of the January meeting was changed from Monday, the 14th and Tuesday, the 15th to Tuesday, the 15th and Wednesday, the 16th.

The date of the February meeting will be Tuesday, and Wednesday, the 5th and 6th in Baton Rouge.

The election of the board was held and Mr. George Gray was reelected as Chairman and Dr. Jack Cappel Vice-Chairman. The Committee appointments were announced.

Mr. Gray adjourned the meeting.